



DECLARATION

IN REISSUE APPLICATION

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SPECIFICATION AND INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

1. I am a citizen of the United States of America and resident of Fridley, Minnesota, now residing at 98 - 64th Way, Fridley, Minnesota.

2. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435, issued March 9, 1999, and in this reissue application. Neither U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435 nor the Reissue Application No. 09/519,889 have been assigned.

3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the reissue specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

4. I do not know and do not believe that the invention disclosed and claimed in my U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435 and in this reissue application was ever known and used in the United States before I made the invention.

5. I believe the original patent, U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435, to be partly inoperative or invalid by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

6. In reference to paragraph 5, I believe U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435 is partly inoperative and contains at least one error by reason that I did not claim the priority date of Provisional Application No. 60/046,481. As a result, I claimed less in my U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435 than I had a right to claim.

7. I believe the original patent, U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435, is partly inoperative or invalid by reason that I claimed more or less than I had the right to claim in the patent.

8. In reference to paragraph 7, I believe U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435 is partly inoperative and contains at least one error by reason that I claimed more than my invention in claims of the scope to which I am not entitled and in terms extending beyond its intended scope or the specification of the patent application. Subject matter was drafted into the claims which was not supported by the specification. As a result, I claimed more in my U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435 than I had a right to claim.

9. By virtue of my original disclosure and the teaching contained in my U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435, I believe that I am entitled to claim my invention to its full extent, as defined in claims 1-7 of the reissue application.

10. I realize that I did not understand the full significance of the language of the claims at the time of filing or during the prosecution of my U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435. I was not familiar with the patent claims, their interpretation, and the patent process to realize that the priority date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/046,481 was not claimed in my U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435. Additionally,

I did not realize that I claimed more than my invention allowed making my U.S. Patent No. 5,878,435 partially inoperative.

11. All errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing of this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on my part, as the application.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

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